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Bengaluru's depleted waterbodies on the brink are coming back to life with 250 acres of encroachments reclaimed from 837 lakes

CREDENCE of CLEARWATER REVIVAL

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"The idea is to remove encroachments in all 837 lakes and allow freshwater... With continuous efforts we will soon see many lakes revived. — J Manjunath, deputy commissioner, Bengaluru Urban

The Karnataka government has reclaimed over 250 acres of illegally occupied and encroached waterbodies in Bengaluru. The drive to clear lake encroachments that started in July this year, has been going on full steam ahead.

So far, in the past five months, the authorities have removed 172 lake encroachments in Bengaluru Urban including in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ambit.

In an initiative to make sure all the lakes in the city are salvaged from the brink, the Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner J Manjunath carried out a survey of lakes, which involved geo-mapping of the waterbodies with the help of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre.

The survey carried out by different local bodies such as the BBMP, Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), Minor Irrigation Department (MID), Revenue Department, Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and panchayat, revealed that the total number of lakes in Bengaluru stands at 837, out of which many are encroached — some had even vanished altogether as waterbodies dried up due to non-maintenance.

Upon identifying 837 lakes in the city, Manjunath directed the officials from all the local bodies, including tahsildars of the taluks to take up eviction drives of encroachments in and around the lakes.

During the survey in Bengaluru North, 136 lakes were identified, followed by 209 in Bengaluru South, 110 in Bengaluru East and 128 lakes in Yelahanka. Anekal has the highest number of lakes at 254.

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Omicron shield

Integrated covid-19 testing app to be launched in BBMP limits amid variant worries

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The state health department has tightened health surveillance measures in the wake of the looming Omicron variant of covid-19.

The department has decided to roll out an integrated covid-19 testing app in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits. If successful, the application will be rolled out in the entire state.

At present the health care personnel — public health inspecting officers (PHIO-male and female), community health officers (CHOS) and ASHA workers or other allied personnel — who are on contact tracing, on quarantine watch and home isolation watch shall continue with their duties.

The BBMP will post dedicated and full-time persons for contact tracing and quarantine/home isolation watch immediately. The tracing, tracking and quarantine activity conducted, has to be reported in the contact tracing application and quarantine watch application, which shall be activated, with necessary re-orientation to all the staff from the Palike, department of health and family welfare principal secretary TK Anil Kumar said, adding that all covid-19 positive persons need to be triaged by the medical officer, primary health centre and team on the ground as per prevailing instructions (physical triaging).

Moreover, tele triaging (over phone) shall be re-initiated at the state-level and triaging information would be recorded in Index application (BBMP) and State Line List (rest of the districts).

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Get webbed

The Galleria Mall, Yelahanka, is all decked up to celebrate Christmas and the new year. In sync with the season's biggest movie release, Spiderman – No Way Home, the mall is following the theme Spiderman's Christmas where giant Spiderman installations have been put up throughout the mall. For entertaining visitors, the mall is organising LED parade, magic show, colouring workshops, greeting card-making workshops etc.
Where: Galleria Mall, Yelahanka; When: Ongoing;

02 Shop till you drop

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath is organising the Bangalore Arts and Craft Mela. The exhibition will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicraft products direct from the artisans and craft persons from across India. You can even get to directly interact with the artisans and know the story behind each product. Besides the bazaar, there will be fun activities like live music performances, workshops, and more.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram; When: Dec 24 – Jan 2

03 The craft of dance

The Attakkalari India Biennial 2021-22 is hosting a virtual session on the craft of dance writing in January '22 called Writing on Dance Lab. To be held virtually from January 8 to 17, the intensive is designed for individuals who are interested in engaging in methods of documenting, writing, and archiving dance. Eight selected participants will be mentored by acclaimed German dance journalist and critic Melanie Suchy with dance practitioner and researcher Meghna Bhardwaj coordinating the entire workshop.
Register by Dec 27, www.attakkalaribiennial.org/writing-on-dance.
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United in protest
Citizens and activists held a rally from Mysore Circle to Freedom Park to protest against the contentious anti-conversion bill that was tabled in the State Assembly
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NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK

With many switching off their phones and some giving wrong numbers, Palike personnel are having a trying time tracking people to get vaxxed

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Palike health workers conduct door-to-door surveys and vaccination drives in Kalyan Nagar

Despite Bengaluru having the highest vaccination numbers after Delhi, there seems to be no end in sight to vaccine hesitancy, as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) personnel are realising. The BBMP has taken up a novel method of calling up people who are due for a second dose. However, the civic agency is facing a peculiar challenge in inoculating those who have not taken the vaccines.

A BBMP official said that they have deployed a few personnel whose job is to call up people to take their shots. Personnel from Dasarahalli have so far made 38,869 calls with an average of 5,000 calls a day for those who have only taken the first dose.

"If we look at the statistics from Dasarahalli, 1,033 people have switched off their phones and personnel are unable to access their calls. Around 26 people have given wrong numbers while 102 phone numbers don't exist," said an official pointing to vaccine hesitancy trends.

Meanwhile, Sanjeev Mysore, convenor of Jeevan Raksha said that vaccine hesitancy was a global pattern and there was a need to recognise the impact of Collective Emotional Quotient (CEQ).

"USA, UK, and many other developed nations are not able to increase the rate of vaccination in spite of stocking more than the required doses of vaccines. The gap between perceived cost (inconvenience) and benefit (protection from critical illness) is widening day by day. The situation is no different in India too," he said.

Mysore added that containment strategy will be effective if the emotions of the people are in line with the action taken. "For instance, when the 21-day lockdown was announced in India in April / May 2020, there was relatively less resistance by the people. This is primarily because fear was dominant. At that point of time, the fearful attitude was the Collective Emotional Quotient (CEQ) of the people. A year later, in May 2021, when the second wave hit India severely, the demand for vaccines surged and there was a sense of desperation and willingness to get vaccinated at the earliest. At that point of time, the average daily caseload was over four lakh cases per day.

"This was again due to the attitude of the people. This forced the Central and State Government to make necessary policy intervention and streamline the vaccine supply chain. Now, the average daily covid cases is below 10,000 for the last seven to eight weeks. The emotional quotient has reversed, from fearfulness to fearlessness. Further, the general perception of low efficacy of the vaccine has dwindled the demand for vaccines. Thus, over 20+ million doses are in the cold storage without demand leading to India deciding to export and meet its global commitments which was deferred earlier," he added.

Mysore said that this pattern was clearly visible in Karnataka and other Indian states as well. For instance, in November, Karnataka could administer the 1st dose to only 87,000+ people when compared with 1.42+ lakh in October 2021, a decrease of 40 per cent. However, any forceful vaccination by bringing a compelling policy to consume ineffective vaccines is against the basic human right to choose suitable medical intervention for him/her.

"The policymaker needs to recognise the fact that, even though the chance of an unvaccinated person getting critical ill is relatively higher, they are harmless to others. Therefore, the risk perception and appropriate action should be Individual's prerogative and right too. While it is the duty of the administration to ensure medical infrastructure and interventions are made available to the people, it is a violation of basic human rights if it compels or forces people to get vaccinated," he added.

Double whammy for DJs this NYE

Some want govt to include them in the 50% pub capacity, others wary of covid

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With the government banning DJ parties for the New year celebrations in the city, it's a double whammy for Disk Jockeys (DJs) since covid-induced lockdowns. They stand to lose lakhs of rupees with event managers cancelling their bookings.

For any DJ, new years is a crucial time. Even DJs who earn less during other days of the year, they make a good fortune during new year celebrations.

DJs find themselves in a conundrum between having to be perceptive of covid-19 guidelines imposed by the government in the public interest and having to scour through any means to earn their living. As the news regarding the ban on DJs in events and apartments came to the forefront, they were informed that their events are getting cancelled. Those who did not receive an advance on their payments will be completely at loss.

"We have waited for three years now and the only major revenue making venue for us is the New Year eve, Other days, we struggle to earn. This ban is unfair to DJs across the state," said Dj Hassan from Bengaluru.

DJs earn the most during New Year celebrations

"Our livelihood depends on this skill. While the government imposes such bans, they forget that we also have families to fend," he added.

"I had received a 50 per cent advance for my gig. Now that they have cancelled the event, I won't be giving back the money but will request for postponement. Most DJs don't even get any advances for their events," said DJ Chris Fernandez. He added that to survive the dip in gigs, he had to do zoom parties to antaksharis to cope. He added that after working for Carnival Cruiseline in Miami for two years, he noted that in India all artistes are taken for granted.

DJs question why only this activity is becoming a threat to super-spreading while other states have not imposed any restrictions. "The government has allowed clubs to be open with 50 per cent capacity, so why can't we DJs place our stage for the same crowd? Even last year we were not allowed. Many DJs are the breadwinners of their families who come all the way from other cities to Bengaluru. We request the government to let the DJs play in the limited capacity," said DJ OPPOZIT.

Some DJs have also swallowed the ban like a bitter pill. " We are losing lakhs of rupees but the government has imposed it in the public interest. Cases are also rising in the city daily and we don't want another lockdown. One day of the year we can forego, but I have an entire-month event in February that I cannot afford to miss," said DJ Chinni.

While DJ Hussain as well opined that the government's new guideline has impacted him as well. " We make double money on New Years Eve and the new guidelines from the government has disappointed us all. Since the start of the pandemic, it has been a difficult ride for the DJs. Our income has been hit hard. However, going by the safety, the government has made a good move for the safety of every citizen. But, it has surely impacted all the DJs who have been waiting to play for this time of the year," he said.

> **While the government is imposing a ban on DJ parties, they forget that we also have families to fend**
>
> – DJ Hassan

Commenting on the ban, Amit Singla, President of Karnataka Event Management Association, said: "It's another impactful loss for the already battered community but caution is required. The loss will affect hotels and pubs as well."

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Earthquake shakes fringes

Two hamlets in Chikkaballapura district, bordering Bengaluru, felt mild tremors of earthquake on Wednesday morning, where a few buildings developed mild cracks and a loud sound was heard by the villagers. The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Monitoring Centre (KSNDMMC) confirmed the earthquakes, which they recorded were around 2.9 and 3 Richter scale magnitude, at two villages respectively.

The first earthquake happened around 7.10 am at the Mandikal gram panchayat in Chikkaballapura taluk. The KSNDMMC recorded the magnitude of the earthquake as 2.9 magnitude and the depth was for around 11 km, and the earthquake epicentred at 1.5 km of Hosahalli village in Mandikal gram panchayat and 1.6 km of Doddihalli village in Addagallu gram panchayat, both in Chikkaballapura taluk.

The second earthquake happened around 7.14 am at the Bhogaparthi village in Addagallu gram panchayat. The KSNDMMC recorded the magnitude of 3 on the Richter scale and the depth was for around 23 km. The epicentre was 1.23 km of Bandahalli village in Muddenahalli gram panchayat and 2.18 km of Aroor gram panchayat, both in Chikkaballapura. Mandikal gram panchayat is a bigger hamlet – with a population around 1,000 -- but the Bhogaparthi village in Addagallu gram panchayat is a very small hamlet with 250 villagers. **— Bellie Thomas**

Tenders to be called for Nandi ropeway soon

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Covid and recent landslides had halted the ropeway project in Nandi Hills. The decade-old project got a new lease of life when CP Yogeshwara was the tourism minister under BS Yediyurappa's government. However, since then the governments have changed and the weather conditions, previously suitable for the project, have changed too.

But the ropeway work received a new push again with the tourism department working on its pre-approval process. It is also preparing to invite tenders. A few days ago, a meeting was convened by Sindhu B Rupesh, director, tourism department. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner R Latha, officials from the horticultural department, KSTDC Managing Director Vijay Sharma and others. During the meeting, the director gave instructions to officials across the departments on what needs to be done to make this project feasible.

There are many such projects which are currently under progress to make Nandi Hills an international tourist destination. The primary work for developing the project is underway. Two companies have done a field study on the ropeway project. Locals have also been surveyed and a drone survey has been conducted too to identify the borders of the corridor. Soil testing has also been done at the site.

The ropeway will begin from a seven-acre land and will have parking nearby. The landing spot will also have a children's play area, guest house, and other amenities. The proposed ropeway will be three kilometres long in length and will have 20 pillars. Each car for this project will be designed in such a way that 10 passengers can travel in one go. Around two acres of land will be reserved on top of the hill where the cars will be landing. The entire project cost is pegged at Rs100 crore.

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It's a date, Shivajinagar

Smart City sets deadline to complete all works on Commerical Street. City's favourite shopping haven may be back on its feet, by December 31

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These cables and many other items used for construction work are blocking the sidewalk next to Westside on this road. Below: A file picture of the condition of the street two months ago

Bengaluru's most famous and favourite shopping hub, Commercial Street is still in the throes of construction work as footpaths are being relaid. But at last, we have a date. Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) has set a deadline to complete all the work by December 31.

The story of Commercial Street's makeover is a raw nerve. First the pavements were laid, but they started coming undone in no time, which drew flak from the citizens.

"Work was taken up again to put new paver blocks, and we're installing electric lines to the new pipeline systems. Even water pipes were being put underneath the paver blocks," said a BSCL official. The official said the work of laying electric lines and water pipes is now over and the only task pending was to put the paver blocks on the footpath.

"We have completed most of the work. We just have to fix the pavements by installing the blocks. Some part of carriage work is also being done. We have set a deadline for the work to be over by December 31. Many citizens coming for shopping are facing issues walking up on the pavements as there is still some work to be done. But, that will be done in no time," said the official.

Many shop owners said they too had a tough time with the ongoing work as there has been dust on the roads and also as the work causes parking problems for the customers. They said this parking trouble in turn creates traffic congestion.

Bangalore Mirror's reports on Sept 8 and Oct 14, respectively, covering progress of Commercial Street's second makeover

"With the widened pavements, the carriage way has become smaller. And even if cars are parked at one side of the road, it's taking up much of the road. Adding on with the ongoing work, there is even difficulty in parking and traffic congestions are seen every day on the street. It would be better if the work is completed fast," said a shop owner at Commercial Street.

A resident of Kammanhalli Rashmi Srinivas said she had been to Commercial Street on Monday and there was no space to walk. "Most of the pavements are dug up and it's uneven to walk on. We cannot walk on the main pathway as vehicles are coming in. It is really getting difficult. For senior citizens it's even worse."

However Sanjay Motwani, President of Bangalore Commercial Association, emphasised on the need to be patient till all the work is over.

"If we want the work to be completed we need to be patient. Or the other way out is to shut all the shops and let all the work be done. It is going to take time for the work to get completed. We have been seeing that it is moving at a good phase. After it is done, the street will look a lot better. Until then all the shop owners need to cooperate with the ongoing work," he said.

Drunk, injured and kicked out of home at 50

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Srinivas has fractured his leg and will need two months to recover. It is said that one of the daughters wanted to take him home at first but has stopped talking to him or visiting now

A 50-year-old-man was abandoned by his family after he met with an accident and injured his leg. It is said that his wife, a working mother of two, did not want to be responsible for his care. Srinivas, currently admitted in a private hospital, is reaching out to a family counselling centre, Vanitha Sahayavani, to seek help to get back with his family.

Srinivas, a resident of Banashankari, had been ironing and tailoring for a living until his accident on December 1. The incident occurred near the Satellite Bus Stand, while he was on his way to meet his younger daughter, a ninth grade student, in Mandya. He said that his wife and him are not on good terms. "I changed jobs frequently during the pandemic. My wife would mock me for not being financially stable. We separated multiple times but got back together each time. I had started to drink... I was kicked out. I've been sober for a month now and was going to visit my younger daughter who lives in a hostel."

"I met with the accident then. A two-wheeler hit me and I injured my leg. I was rushed to the hospital. Sateesh, a passerby, helped me and has been taking care of me since then. The rider of the two-wheeler and Sateesh paid my hospital bills. The doctors are ready to discharge me but my family doesn't want to take me back. They visited me twice but told me that they can't look after me," he said. Srinivas has fractured his leg and will need two months to recover. "My wife told me that I will be a burden to them and they don't want me to return home. I want to be with my children... I'm trying to sort the issue through a helpline," he said.

Sateesh told BM that Srinivas's wife told him that she can't manage work, their children and taking care of him at the same time. He said that one of the daughters wanted to take Srinivas home at first but has stopped talking to him or visiting now.

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Can't walk this walk
Malleswaram

This pavement between 8th and 10th Main on 13th Cross is in a very bad condition and was last repaired eight years ago. Despite writing to the authorities concerned, it remains neglected, a reader wrote to BM.

"Please", BBMP
LB Shastri Nagar

BBMP dug 7th A Cross to lay pipes connecting to Vibhutipura Lake but abandoned the work midway. "Can the civic body, please, restore the road as this is blocking the entrance to the lake," a resident wrote to this newspaper.

Chockablock
Trinity Circle

The road here is very busy during the day, the authorities concerned should have carried out such works during night, a resident wrote to BM.

KAUSHIK JN

This year, till November 30, about 57,25,712 riders were fined by the city's traffic police for not wearing helmets

Mind your head, say traffic police

Cops to begin contactless drives to explain importance of wearing a helmet while riding

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With many bikers getting lax about the helmet rule, what with the relaxed lockdown rides, the city traffic police have decided to step in. They will implement contactless drives across the city to ensure enforcement of the helmet rule. The good news, however, is that the number of fatalities due to not wearing helmets has reduced a bit due to the strict implementation. But this drive will be to increase awareness on the need to wear helmets.

There is a slight laxity in following this rule as physical check and drives were on halt for a while. According to the data shared by the city traffic police, 329 bikers have lost their lives this year till November 30, of which 105 were not wearing a helmet. In 2019, 388 bikers were killed in road accidents of which 110 were not wearing a helmet and the number went up in 2020, where 370 bikers were killed of which 130 were not wearing a helmet.

A senior officer said that though the number of fatalities may seem high even in those with helmets, but among these accident victims, a majority would have been carrying the helmet along with them but not actually wearing it. "Many hang the helmets or keep it in their bikes and ride. After the accident, we wouldn't know if they were wearing the helmet that was tossed aside or if they were carrying it. If we find the helmet at the accident spot, we could consider it as with helmet but there could be more deaths caused among those not wearing a helmet," he said.

He said that the traffic police have been enforcing the contactless drives actively especially for those riding without helmets. "We have been educating people about the importance of helmets and speeding for two-wheelers as they are most vulnerable to accidents. We are conducting sessions in schools, colleges and public gatherings," he said.

According to city traffic police, in 2019, about 33.27 lakh people were fined for not wearing helmets which increased almost by two-fold in 2021. About 57,25,712 riders were fined till November 30 this year against 50,95,183 riders in 2020 for not wearing helmets.

> **A vehicle can knock them down at any time and without a helmet, chances of fatalities increase**
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> –KM Shantharaju, DCP Traffic East

DCP traffic East KM Shantharaju said that many bikers ride in a rash and negligent manner and they even overtake buses and big vehicles from the left side which is very dangerous as the drivers can't see the biker from the blind spot and they could run them over. "Many bikers wear half helmets which don't offer protection and many don't put on the straps due to which the helmet easily falls off the head when there is an accident. People often don't realise the importance of helmets and think that if they are just going near their houses, they are safe without it. Any vehicle can knock them down at any time and without a helmet, the chances of fatality increases. We are trying to educate the younger generation who are mostly violating the rules," he said.

Kannada outfits call for bandh on December 31

Kannada organisations on Wednesday announced a state-wide bandh on December 31 in protest against the recent defacing of a statue of freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna by alleged activists of the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti in Belagavi.

"There will be a Bandh on December 31," Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj said in a press conference. He added that the Kannada organisations have taken the incident in Belagavi a few days ago very seriously. "This is not an ordinary bandh, it is an echo from our breath, heart and soul. This is above the Congress, BJP and the JD(S). All are with us going beyond their political differences. No one should stop this," he said.

Cops seize 5 litres of hash oil in B'luru, arrest two

Two people were arrested and five litres of hashish oil, valued at Rs 5 crore, seized from their possession in the city, sources said.

The arrested have been identified as Prakash and Dhyamraj, both from Andhra Pradesh.

The oil was stored near SLN Lake View Apartments in BTM Layout to be sold during new year celebrations. Preliminary investigations have revealed that the accused had procured the banned substance from Odisha.

Mico Layout police, said that the oil was intended to be circulated among drug peddlers in Bengaluru and in turn, they would sell it to customers who are students, IT professionals, industrialists and the elite. The investigation has been taken up to track the nexus and inter-state drug mafia. —IANS

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Spot the rusty beasts

Traffic police has begun identifying abandoned vehicles and you can help too

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Any vehicle parked in public space over 15 days to be considered abandoned and towed away as police and BBMP join hands to clear accumulating scrap from city's underbelly
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'First of its kind' initiative

The city traffic police, who recently announced that they would work with the BBMP to dispose of abandoned vehicles in the city, have begun identifying such vehicles, on Wednesday. Public can also report to them if they spot any such vehicles on Dial 112 or social media.

DCP traffic West Kuldeep Kumar R Jain told Bangalore Mirror that they held a meeting with senior BBMP officials to discuss the standard operating procedures to start the drive. "As the traffic police personnel are familiar with the areas in their jurisdiction, they have started to identify the abandoned vehicles and inform the BBMP. Teams have been formed in every traffic police station who have taken up the work and are coordinating with the BBMP. It's easy to identify vehicles that are parked on the streets for months and we'll try to trace the owner to inform them to remove the vehicle from public places. If not traced, BBMP will issue a notice, carry out mahajar and tow the vehicle for auction," he said.

He said that the public can also pitch in and report abandoned vehicles on the streets directly to the traffic police and the jurisdictional personnel will visit the spot to do the needful. "They can report through dial 112, social media posts or tagging us on Twitter. They can even message us the details on WhatsApp," he said.

Many cars, autos, lorry and two wheelers are often found abandoned under the flyovers, next to government facilities and empty grounds in BBMP limits. The BBMP engineers would be taking geolocation photos of abandoned vehicles to identify and cross check with the RTO about the owners.

The city traffic police started this drive to tow away abandoned vehicles following Bangalore Mirror's campaign in November in 2018 highlighting the number of rusted, abandoned vehicles found all over the city.

Earlier this year, city traffic police had disposed over 6,000 such vehicles through an online auction.

4 more Omicron cases detected in Bengaluru

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Adding to the 19 omicron cases so far detected in the state, on Wednesday four more cases were detected at the Raheja Residency apartment complex in Koramangala. A 26-year-old woman, a UK returnee who had landed in Bengaluru on December 13, has tested positive for the omicron variant along with three of her family members. This brings the total Omicron cases to 23 in the state.

The woman landed on December 13 and as UK is a high-risk country, she was tested at the Kempegowda International Airport, but the women tested negative at the airport and was allowed to go home to follow home quarantine of seven days, the health department said.

But in a few days, the UK returnee is said to have developed symptoms and she then tested positive for covid. She was then under isolation at a private hospital in Old Airport Road. Further her three primary contacts -- her 56-year-old father, 50-year-old mother and 20-year-old sibling were tested and all three tested positive in a private hospital in Whitefield. However their health is stable and the infection is mild, the official said.

BBMP Health Commissioner Dr Thrilok Chandra said, "The four are positive for omicron, but they do not have many symptoms and their health is stable."

He also added that the UK returnee had 10 secondary contacts and all the contacts have tested negative for covid.

The apartment complex has been sealed.

6 int'l arrivals test covid-positive

Six international passengers who have tested positive for Covid-19 have been sent to home isolation in a designated hospital in Bengaluru, Health department sources said on Wednesday. These passengers, including three women, arrived to Kempe-Gowda International Airport this morning. They arrived from Frankfurt, Paris and Kuwait. The authorities have sent their samples for genome sequencing. —IANS

State tightens covid surveillance

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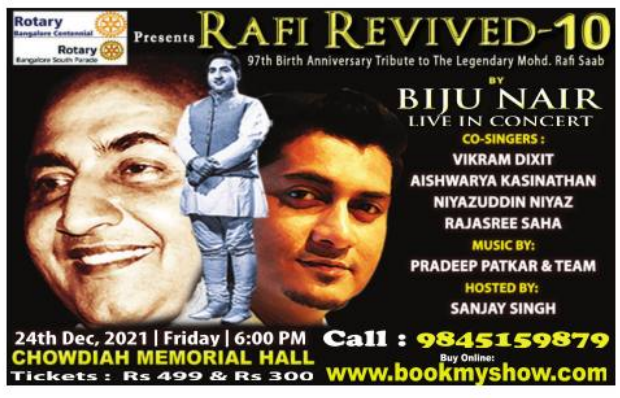
In the latest circular, Kumar explained that an average of 300 covid-19 cases are being reported daily in Karnataka with a test positivity rate (TPR) between 0.25% and 0.30% — as the new variant of concern (VoC), Omicron, is spreading rapidly across the globe. With 19 cases reported in Karnataka, if left unchecked, the situation may trigger a spike in new infections.

"In this context, to sustain the gains achieved so far in surveillance, containment and to prevent occurrence of a third wave, it is necessary to trace, track and quarantine the primary and secondary contacts of covid positive persons, more effectively. The primary and secondary contacts (PC/SC) are to be identified within 24 hours of reporting of positive cases. The primary contacts should be tested on day one and again on day eight and home quarantined for seven days from the date of testing positive. Similarly the international travellers from high risk countries need to be quarantined for seven days from the date of arrival, until the follow-up and repeat RT PCR test on the eighth day. Once the PC/SC also test positive, they are to be treated and managed as per the state covid protocol," he said.

"Additional teams to carry out the activities have to be deployed by the BBMP with state nodal officers. Central war room (CWR), BBMP, with zonal and assembly constituency level war rooms and all district war rooms need to be reactivated and made fully functional to monitor and supervise the activities. The integrated testing app will be rolled out on pilot basis in the BBMP area and if found feasible would be considered for a larger roll out. With a view to be prepared to handle any spike in covid cases and respond effectively, the BBMP and district authorities are instructed to ensure compliance of the above instructions," Kumar noted.



How city reclaimed 250 acres of lake land

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"During the survey, many public and private encroachments were identified that were illegally occupying the lake beds. Most of the encroachments identified were used for agriculture (for tilling and such), which could be easily removed. Secondly, many temporary sheds that ran businesses could be evacuated easily. However, thirdly, many dwelling units were created as well, and with the authorities not identifying them earlier, the eviction process took a longer time. Meanwhile, slums that had come up on lake beds had to be evacuated too: shelters had to be identified for the slum dwellers," Manjunath said.

After identifying the different encroachments, Bengaluru Urban DC set a day for all the local bodies to be fully involved in lake works. "Every Saturday, we shall clear encroachments. Further on, the different departments, after clearing lake encroachments, need to provide fencing for the lakes so that encroachments do not occur in the future. However, fencing would take time and cost money, so on a temporary basis we are creating trenches. The department shall also carry out plantation drives for afforestation," he said. Some lakes that were freed of encroachments are: Kacharkanahalli Lake in North, Gantaganahalli Lake in Yelanka Hobli, Avalahalli Lake in Yelanka Hobli, Saadenahalli Lake in Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bettanagere Lake in North, Hancharahalli Lake in East, Hoovinakere Lake in Anekal, Tavarekere Lake in South and Hullegowdanahalli Lake in North Taluk.

Encroachment of storm water drains was resulting in obstructions to the flow of water into the waterbodies: "We have been meeting many lake experts; some of them suggested how to revive the waterbodies and clear all the encroachments. Many of the drain networks blocked in Anekal Taluk were cleared. Now, over 69 lakes have water flowing without obstruction into them," said Manjunath.

Activists such as Captain Santosh Kumar and Anand Malligavad have been part of the team working with the officials on lake revival.

Captain Kumar pointed out that all the officials from the forest department and panchayat are working together to reclaim the waterbodies: "Some of the lakes like Dasanpura, Singasandra, Ghatahalli, Avalahalli, Nagayakanhalli have been revived through joint efforts. I keep a watch on the lakes and supervise. We can now see animals coming to drink where earlier these were just dry patches of land."

Malligavad, who revives lakes mostly through CSR funding, engages students from different colleges and schools in the process.

So far, 15 encroachments have been removed in Bengaluru North, 32 in South, 27 in East, 29 in Yelahanka and 69 in Anekal, until December 20.

"The idea is to remove all the encroachments in all the 837 lakes of Bengaluru and allow freshwater in. With continuous efforts by all the departments, we will soon see many of the lakes revived," added Manjunath.

Lake low-down:

Taluk-wise encroachments cleared in acres

- **North:** 136 lakes with 15 encroachments in 39 acres
- **South:** 209 lakes with 32 encroachments in 19 acres
- **East:** 110 lakes with 27 encroachments in 43 acres
- **Yelahanka:** 128 lakes with 29 encroachments in 69 acres
- **Anekal:** 254 lakes with 69 encroachments in 78 acres

In total, 837 lakes with 172 encroachments in 250 acres

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Two flights were diverted and 39 were delayed due to foggy conditions around the airport on Wednesday

Foggy with a chance of delay

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Due to dense fog around the Bengaluru International Airport, two flights were diverted and 39 were delayed on Tuesday. Meteorology experts have predicted that the condition will persist for the next couple of days due to clear skies.

A spokesperson from the airport told BM a Spice Jet flight from Hyderabad to Bengaluru was diverted to Chennai and an Air India flight from Abu Dhabi to Kannur to Bengaluru was diverted to Chennai. The officials said in an interview that 46 flights landed in the airport under CAT III conditions. "CAT II/III operations come into effect when the visibility drops below 550 metres. As per the DGCA mandate, the crew must be qualified and trained for instrument approaches to the lowest CAT I/II/III conditions. Two flights were diverted to Chennai as the crews were not qualified for CAT III operations," he said.

Although the fog situation remained under control on Tuesday, experts have predicted the situation is likely to persist for the next couple of days. "Minimum temperature is very low nowadays around 15 degree Celsius and fog is expected to continue for a few days. Yesterday, thick fog was reported around the airport and today it was reported in the city early in the morning and visibility was around 800 to 1,000 metres," said Sadananda Adiga, a meteorologist from Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

"Another factor influencing the weather condition is the clear skies that are causing heat to escape from the earth. The morning's coolness is creating mist or fog. As cloudy weather has not been forecasted, it is likely that fog may continue for a few days," an expert explained.

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> –Sadananda Adiga, IMD

"There are no systems in the near future and winds are also from northerly and north-easterly. So, there are lesser chances for cloudy weather for the next few days at least," added Adiga.

However experts clarified that due to gentle surface winds, it's unlikely that the fog will get intense. "If the surface wind is zero, the fog becomes thicker and now we are experiencing gentle surface wind. Therefore, it's unlikely that the fog will become thicker," an expert said.

Singapore calling? Just wait

Southeast Asian carrier Singapore Airlines on Wednesday said it will not accept bookings for all its flights under Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) mechanism till January 20 next year.

The development, which comes in the wake of the Singapore government's directive to suspend new ticket sales on VTL flights for entry into Singapore during this time, will not affect the existing bookings, SIA said in a statement.

VTL flights allowed quarantine free travel to the island-state for the fully vaccinated travellers. SIA had commenced passenger flight services from eight Indian cities, including daily VTL services from Chennai, Delhi, and Mumbai from November 29, providing eligible customers with quarantine-free entry into Singapore.

Its low-cost subsidiary Scoot also started operating non-VTL services from Amritsar, Hyderabad, and Tiruchirappalli.

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1 I'm 40-year-old married man. My wife and I have sex regularly and we have one kid. Even though we start intercourse without a condom, I wear one before we climax because we do not want another child. Recently, I met a woman who is in her 50s. Her children are married and she is separated from her husband for the past 25 years. We started liking each other and we had sex once with protection. However, now she is insisting on having sex without a condom. She says since her ovaries are removed she cannot get pregnant. I feel she is genuine and her vagina is clean. My question is: Can I have sex with her without a condom? Is it safe? I'm scared getting affected by HIV and other infections. Please help I don't want to hurt her and lose her.
If you are scared, then continue having sex using a condom. From your history, I think you can trust her.

2 I am a 29-year-old man and have mild varicocele of Grade 1 and Grade 3 in the left and right testicle, respectively. My semen analysis shows low sperm motility. The urologist is suggesting I undergo an operation but I don't trust him. Do I require an operation or can it be cured though medicine?
The operation may or may not improve your sperm count. Since it is a simple procedure you may get it done. But take a second opinion before you decide to undergo the operation.

3 My penis is not long enough. Also, while having sex with my girlfriend, my erection doesn't last for more than a minute. Why is that? Are there medicines that can increase the length of my penis and increase the time of my erection?
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Pill for safety

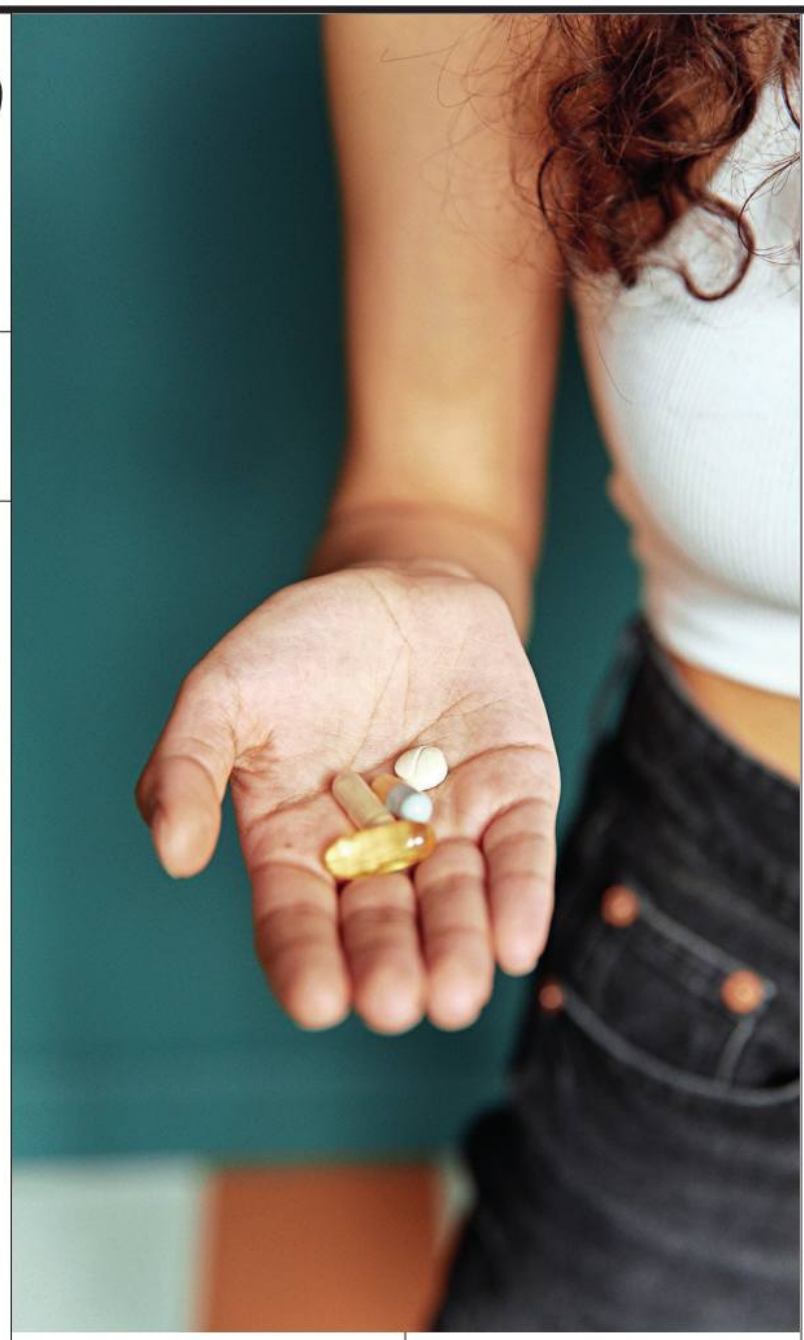
Expert debunks myths around emergency contraceptive pills

Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECP) come to one's rescue in effectively preventing unwanted pregnancy due to unprotected sex or cases when there is a contraceptive failure. It can be t aken post-coitus to inhibit the process of fertilization. But according to the WHO, there is not much widespread use of ECP due to lack of knowledge and where there is knowledge about ECP, people are not willing to use it because of the misconceptions looming around one's fertility and safety.

Joy Chatterjee, General Manager, Sales & Marketing, Mankind Pharma, debunks some of the common myths about Emergency Contraceptive Pills.

Myth: ECP cannot be purchased without doctor's prescription
Fact: Many are of the notion that buying ECP requires a valid prescription from a doctor. But on the contrary, Emergency Contraceptive Pills can be easily bought over the counter from pharmacies, contraceptive clinics, hospitals, gynecological and GP clinics without presenting any prescription or ID card.

Myth: Emergency contraceptive pills will not work after 24 hours
Fact: As ECPs are also referred to as 'morning-after pill,' many believe that ECP should be taken the very next morning or in the worst case before the completion of 24 hours after having unprotected sex. Though it works best when taken at the earliest, it does not mean that it is a waste if taken post 24 hours. ECPs work effectively for up to 3 days i.e., 72 hours after encountering unprotected sex and there are also some ECPs that are valid for 5 days (120 hours) from the day of sexual encounter.



Myth: Taking pills more than once in a cycle can be dangerous and also leads to infertility
Fact: Taking pills more than once in a cycle is not at all dangerous and is safe. Being exposed to high levels of hormones in Emergency Contraceptive Pills can disrupt the menstrual cycle, cause breast tenderness, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, headache, tiredness but it will not lead to infertility or any serious health implications. But it must be noted that ECPs are not a regular form of contraception and other options must be considered if one is looking for prolonged contraception.

Myth: Emergency contraceptive pills are 100% effective
Fact: One might think that taking ECP after coitus can successfully prevent pregnancy, but it is not always the case. There are various factors to be taken into account which ensure the effectiveness of the pills. The sooner the ECP is taken, the higher the chances of 100 per cent effectiveness. If taken in the later phase when ovulation has already taken place, then the functioning of ECP might be diluted. Also, if one is seeking other medication to cure illnesses like epilepsy, heartburn, etc. even then the benefits of ECP cannot be availed to the fullest.

Myth: ECP causes abortion
Fact: ECP prevents pregnancy and does not end the pregnancy. It inhibits the fertilisation of an egg either by stopping the release of the egg from the ovary or by preventing the implantation of the fertilised egg into the uterus. The pills work only when taken before pregnancy is established. If taken after the pregnancy, it does not have any effect on the existing pregnancy and does not harm the developing child.

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What is HD Makeup? The entry of high-definition cameras posed a threat to all the makeup artists since the lenses in high-definition cameras captured and recognised the presence of wrinkles, blemishes, and scars effortlessly. This is exactly the time when the concept of HD makeup, or rather, high definition makeup, came into existence. This kind of makeup usually gives a flawless and natural, non-cakey look.

How is it different from regular makeup?

The only difference between regular and HD makeup are the products used. The products used while doing HD makeup are high-end, and the products used are lighter in texture and give better coverage, which is generally preferred for the camera. The makeup also blends in seamlessly, eliminating the scars that tend to be visible when regular makeup is done. This kind of makeup doesn't look unnatural or fake either.

Which tools and products are for HD Makeup?

HD makeup is done using brushes and blending sponges that are designed in a way that scatters light falling on the skin, which in turn gives a smooth and soft look. The key here is to blend the products perfectly well to get that natural, even-textured, and flawless-looking skin.

Consider using a foundation or concealer designed for HD filming. This is often where you see the most impact. Plus, focusing on your skin tone means you can also get away with wearing less makeup. My personal favourite is Makeup Forever HD foundation.

How to apply HD Makeup like a pro?

There is one pro tip for any makeup application that I can share with you all, and that is to make sure everything is well blended. Your foundation should not show a line between your face and neck. There should be no sharp or harsh lines on your eyelids. Even your lipstick should look smooth. Any imperfections will look much more noticeable in 4K, so you need to blend as much as possible. And the right way to do this is to find the right shade of foundation that matches your skin, and also, don't forget to prep your skin. **– IANS**

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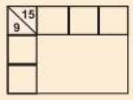
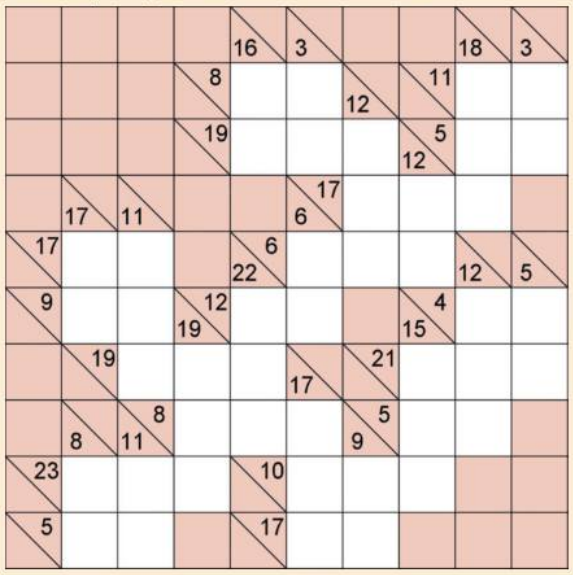
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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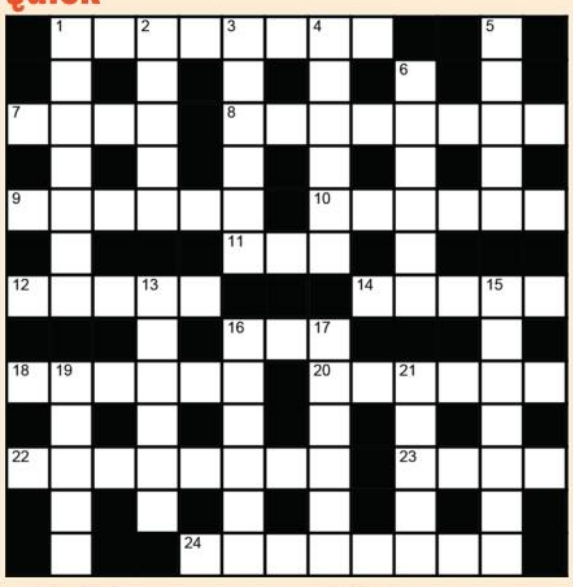


ACROSS

1 Petrol for the Americans (8)
7 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)
8 Guarding troops (8)
9 Escape (3,3)
10 Liken to (6)
11 Craze or peculiar notion (3)
12 Slightly warm (5)
14 Beseech (5)
16 To cry bitterly (3)
18 Decline (4,2)
20 ___ d'art : somethings small and artistic? (6)
22 Orchestral composition (8)
23 Smoke-and be angry? (4)
24 Reaction facilitator (8)

DOWN

1 Droplet (7)
2 Vice-Presidential name? (5)
3 Disconnect from your ISP (3,3)
4 Looked after the sick (6)
5 Reconnoitre (5)
6 Ceremony (6)
13 Small creature (6)
15 Slot-machine restaurant (7)
16 Ancient Greek city (6)
17 Capital of Colombia (6)
19 Dwelling place (5)
21 Blink of an eye (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS T

YMW QWVV CRFYSHW YMW ARCW QSDW.

Linemaro

God was showing off when he made you

Mindchow

Most conversations are simply monologues delivered in the presence of a witness

Joke of the day

Why do bagpipers walk when they play? They're trying to get away from the noise

Loop

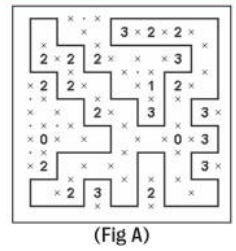
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

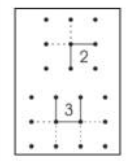
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

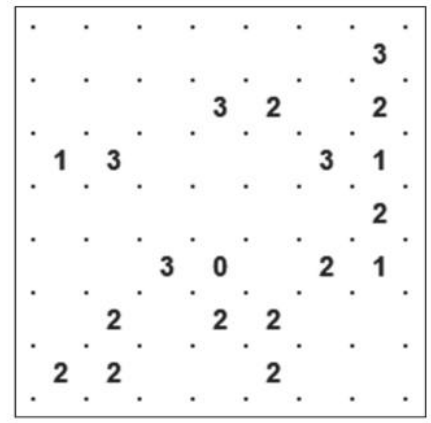
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



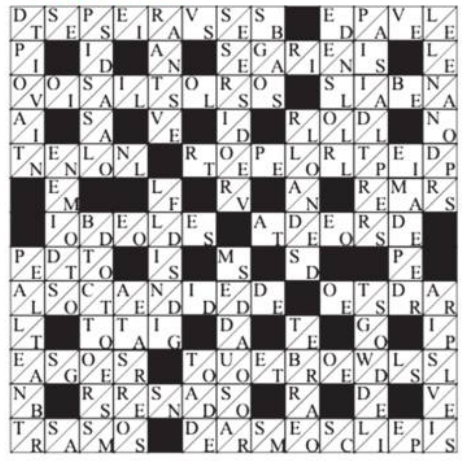
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



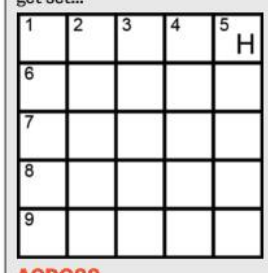
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

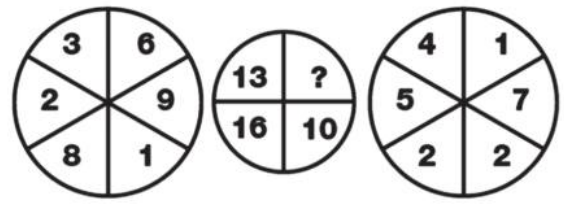
1 Sh Plu; 6 Ah pal;
7 Apter; 8 Alien;
9 Fowls

DOWN

1 Aw pap; 2 No all;
3 Tulip; 4 Flesh;
5 Share

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7				9				2
	6		8		4		7	
	2			5			6	
1	5			8			3	9
			4		9			
6	9			1			2	8
	8			7			1	
	1		3		8		9	
5				6				3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

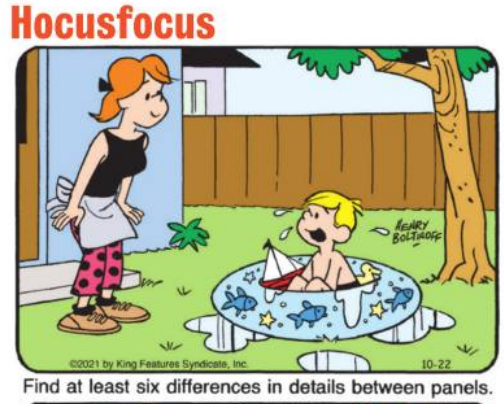
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4
2 5 5 6

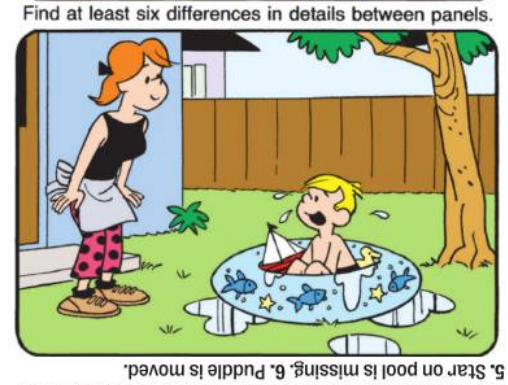
Medium = 12
2 4 7 7

Hard = 42
2 3 5 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Flag on sailboat is reversed. **2.** Fish is reversed. **3.** Hair is different. **4.** Shoelaces are different. **5.** Star on pool is missing. **6.** Puddle is moved.

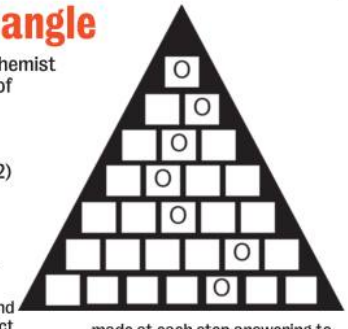
Riddler

The blanks in the following sentences will be filled in with three different homonyms (words that are spelled differently but sound alike) to make valid sentences. The dashes indicate the number of letters in the words. Can you fill in the blanks?

1. I couldn't _ _ _ _ _ any of the _ _ _ _ _ _ in the flower shop, because for some strange reason I had 50 _ _ _ _ _ crammed up my nose.
2. A bloodthirsty pirate will wander the _ _ _ _ and essentially _ _ _ _ everything he _ _ _ _.

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 In the direction of
3 Guzzler
4 Military station
5 Bend down
6 Exactly right (4,2)
7 Quanta of light



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEART SURE IS... EXCITED.
IF THAT'S YOUR WAY OF SAYING SHE DOESN'T LISTEN TO ANYONE, THEN I AGREE.
IT'S...
CHARMING.
EXHAUSTING.
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect your professional and domestic life. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you to from doing something creative at work.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Control your straightforward instincts, or it affect those around you. You may spend your hard earned money to buy worthless stuff. Your mind may work very fast. Make any important decisions with patience.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may make quick decisions, which may yield benefits for your day-to-day life. You may make difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues and may achieve success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings may get resolved soon. You may expect to go on some short trips.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Control your straightforward instincts or it may affect those around you. You may spend your hard earned money on worthless stuff. Your mind may work very fast. Make any important decision with a patience.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may not feel well as old health issues may spring back. You may make wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. Think twice before making any decision. Be careful with money or you may spend it on worthless stuff.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may have peace of mind. You may plan to invest capital in business, which may increase its liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may find suitable matches. Love birds may decide to marry. Students will be blessed by good karma

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be very happy. Loses may convert into profits. Seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You may deal with some changes in your place, position or responsibilities at work, in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may be rewarded for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate postponed works. Some gains in your business may boost your finances.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may feel dull due to health issues. Postpone investments in business. Don't start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains may convert into loss.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect new opportunities in business, which may boost your confidence. You are likely to start innovating with the help of your partner, which may boost your business in the near future.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon and may perform well at work. You may expect promotions or gains. You may plan to change your job. Your relationship with your boss may be better now. Chronic health issues will get resolved now. This may make your family happy.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. This may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You will be decisive and may grab an opportunity without a second thought. You may spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants may find a suitable job with the help of friends.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER 1. I couldn't SENSE any of the SCENTS in the flower shop, because for some strange reason I had 50 CENTS crammed up my nose. 2. A bloodthirsty pirate will wander the SEAS and essentially SEIZE everything he SEES.

FAST FIVE SOLVE IN 1M = 4(4) = 16

BULL'S EYE glow, gown, holing, HOWLING, lling, lingo, long, lowing, nigh, owing, wing

QUOTE UNCODE The less routine the more life.

P	L	U	S	H
A	L	P	H	A
P	A	T	E	R
A	N	I	L	E
W	O	L	F	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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SUDOKU

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MENSA PUZZLE 11. Split the left and right hand circles in half, vertically. The sum of the numbers in the left hand half of the left circle appears in the top left hand segment of the middle circle, and the sum of the numbers in the right hand half of the left hand circle appears in the bottom segment of the middle circle. Repeat this pattern for the right hand circle.

ALPHA TRIANGLE

				3					
				2					
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			2		2				
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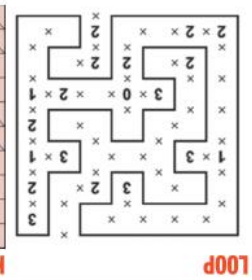
LOOP



KAKURO

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	17		11		6		3		9
22		9		8		2		1	
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23		8		9		2		5	
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GO FIGURE

Easy
5 − 2 + 6 − 5 = 4
Medium
7 + 2 − 4 + 7 = 12
Hard
2 + 5 x 2 x 3 = 42

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